

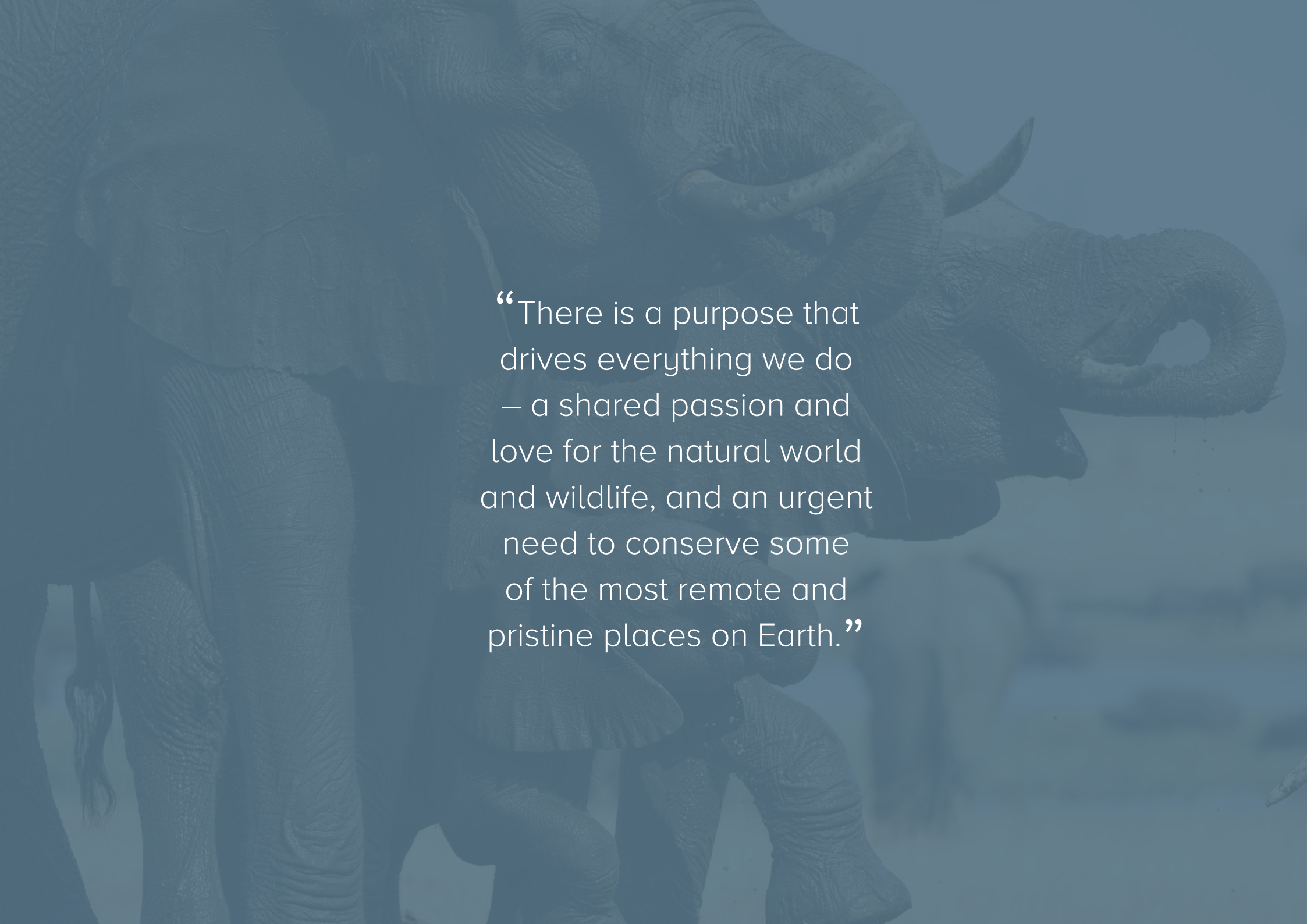


New
HWANGE
Elephant Collaring
2019



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Collar elephants, count
wildlife, anti-poaching
patrol, meet neighbouring
communities



“There is a purpose that drives everything we do – a shared passion and love for the natural world and wildlife, and an urgent need to conserve some of the most remote and pristine places on Earth.”

THE LUXURY OF PURPOSE

Introducing Hwange Elephant Collaring, one of a portfolio of eight life-changing, 'purposeful' journeys crafted to offer guests access to unique and privileged, behind-the-scenes conservation and community projects run by ourselves and our partners.

On this itinerary we invite you to join us in Zimbabwe's largest national park to collar an elephant, count wildlife, find out more about anti-poaching efforts and meet neighbouring communities.

All funds raised from this itinerary are directly channelled to the Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit.



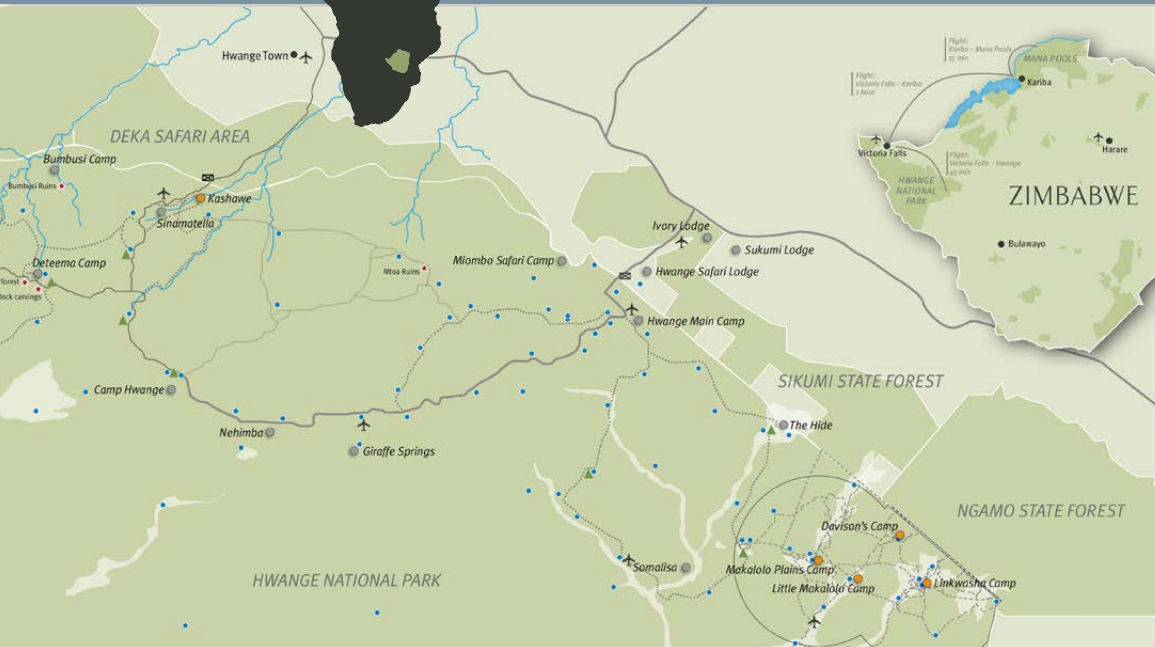
A herd of elephants of various sizes is gathered in a dry, open savanna landscape under a clear blue sky. The elephants are the central focus, with their large, wrinkled ears and trunks clearly visible. The ground is dry and dusty, and there are some sparse trees in the background.

14 – 19 September 2019

Zimbabwe
Hwange National Park

Trip guaranteed to travel
with minimum 4 guests

HWANGE ELEPHANT COLLARING



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On this journey...

- Actively participate in game count and anti-poaching activities supervised by experts in the field
- Observe and participate in the collaring of an elephant cow
- Learn about our game water supply project – now solar
- Meet members of the community to learn more about their lifestyle and engage with them on human-wildlife conflict
- Visit a community school's Eco-Club and learn about other upliftment projects

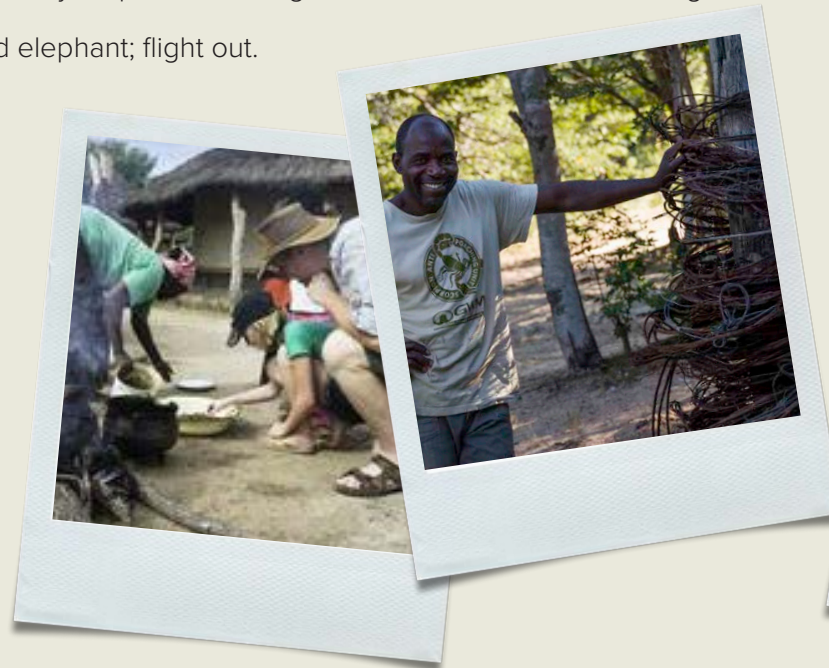


About the Purpose: Hwange National park is home to some of southern Africa's last great elephant, buffalo and sable herds and plays an integral role in a network of southern African conservation areas. Since 2000, we have invested in conservation initiatives in the Park's south-eastern corner, such as daily provision of water for thirsty wildlife, firebreak maintenance, supporting the anti-poaching units and being part of research projects. Meanwhile, on Hwange's border lie a number of villages, where we have funded and supported vital nutrition and literacy in the schools, adult empowerment projects, and of course our Children in the Wilderness programmes.

Itinerary

- 14 Sep Fly into Linkwasha Camp, Hwange National Park. Afternoon activity to discuss game water supply and solar pumps; meet Mr B. Overnight Linkwasha.
- 15 Sep Morning snare sweep in two teams; midday siesta in bush and lunch at Wexau Base Camp for introduction to Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit. Overnight Linkwasha.
- 16 Sep Early drive via Ngamo Plains to Ziga village. Visit school, Eco-Club, women's empowerment projects; gain insight into human-wildlife conflict. Overnight bedrolls at Ziga.
- 17 Sep Spend the morning investigating livestock herding and kraal practices; return to Linkwasha for evening talk with vet on darting/collaring process, how it plays out and each person's role. Overnight Linkwasha.
- 18 Sep Early morning departure; full day elephant collaring with lunch in the bush. Overnight Linkwasha.
- 19 Sep Morning search for collared elephant; flight out.

Ts & Cs apply



Rates

4 Guests \$11,305 per person sharing

Single Supplement \$1,715

Exclusions:

- International long-haul flights to and from Victoria Falls.
- Meals not specified.
- Items of a personal nature i.e. telephone calls, laundry, mini-bar etc.
- Cancellation, baggage and medical insurance.
- Staff gratuities.
- Any new government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control.
- Visa fees – where relevant.
- Departure taxes, unless specified.





- Wilderness Safaris camps
- Independent camps
- Waterholes
- Private game-viewing roads
- Public road – tar
- Public road – prepared gravel
- Public road – graded dirt
- Public road – 4x4 track
- Private concession limits
- ⊠ Park gates
- ✈ Airstrip
- ▲ Picnic sites
- ★ Historical sites
- ▨ Savannah grassland and vleis



Research Vehicle

Official National Park
Research Vehicle
Authorized For
- On Road Driving
- Night Use
- Use of Spotlight



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Meet your experts

Arnold Tshipa, Wilderness Safaris Zambezi Environmental Manager

Arnold's father was a professional guide who, as soon as they were old enough, would take his children on bush drives and camping. It is no wonder then that Arnold studied Forest Resources and Wildlife Management, joining Wilderness Safaris Zambezi's Conservation Department in 2012. Over the years he has honed his research skills and has been involved in the draft of the Hwange Conservation Management Plan as well as several action plans for the management of Hwange National Park. Arnold is currently researching elephant dominance for his PhD. The aim of the project is to improve understanding of elephant movements and habitat use in Hwange National Park where elephant density is one the world's highest.



Mr B, Hwange Game Water Supply

Wilderness Safaris' legendary game water supply manager is Willem Botha, affectionately known as "Mr B", who along with his dedicated assistant Chris Dube, cares for these workhorses. Born and raised in Zimbabwe, on a cattle farm near Gweru, his family relocated to the Lowveld where he spent his teenage years. Following in his father's footsteps, he became a farmer too until Zimbabwe's land reform programme meant that he had to leave farming behind. However, a series of events brought him to Wilderness to assist in the game water supply, an opportunity he grabbed eagerly and where he has been ever since.



Mxolisi Sibanda, Children in the Wilderness Community Liaison

Growing up under the guardianship of his grandparents in a rural village, Mxolisi was inspired to study hard at school as he saw the vital need to improve the lives of his family and the community around him. He underwent training for primary health care under the Zimbabwe Red Cross and St John Society, a career he pursued diligently, becoming one of the first male community health workers under the Zimbabwe Red Cross HIV / AIDS programme. He joined Wilderness Safaris where he worked in various departments including its HIV / AIDS Programme. More recently he has spearheaded a number of projects within CITW as the organisation's Field Projects Coordinator. Here he has worked tirelessly in making a difference in children's lives and the communities in which they live.



Partner

Children in the Wilderness

Children in the Wilderness is a non-profit organisation supported by ecotourism company Wilderness Safaris, which aims to facilitate sustainable conservation through leadership development and education of rural children in Africa.

By exposing children to their natural heritage, Children in the Wilderness aims to create a network of learning sanctuaries that uplifts and cares for our children, creates leadership values amongst them, and conserves our planet. In this way, we hope to inspire the children to care for the environment so that they can become the custodians of these areas in the future.



<https://www.childreninthewilderness.com/>

Partner and Beneficiary

Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit

Hwange National Park has a high mortality rate of lion to accidental snaring, while evidence has shown that many wire snares are set for medium and large animals, including elephant and giraffe. In addition, there has been an increase in the poisoning of elephant by ivory poachers.

The Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit (SAPU) works in partnership with Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management (ZPWMA), Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) and the Wilderness Safaris camps in Hwange to provide the manpower, logistical support and resources to assist ZPWMA to reduce levels of bushmeat and other poaching in the boundary areas of Hwange National Park.

SAPU is based at Wexau Camp close to the eastern boundary of the park. The unit covers a 76 km-long stretch of Hwange which borders the neighbouring Tsholotsho Communal Lands, from the Ngamo area to Makona.



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